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MGB

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 818

29 May 1943

To VIKTOR[1].

Reference No. 2267[a]:

1. I knew about "UCN/9's"[11] departure. "SOUND[ZVUK]"[111] *and the well known*
[72 groups unrecovered]

any person acting
of "the BAR" [iv] STEPHENSON[STIVENSON][v] *was*
[33 groups unrecovered]

"the BAR" [3 groups unrecovered] [D% in the USA] to STEPHENSON
[14 groups unrecovered].

Moreover the [D% measures] "the BAR" [D% took] were unacceptable to the "KhATA"[vi],
which objects to the BAR's subversive activity here. The BAR had to give up its
agent network[AGENTURA] here to the KhATA. As a result [1 group unrecovered]
work has shrivelled up and the Military Attaché in the country is returning
to SIDON[vii]. The BAR's fate in the future is unknown.

[11 groups unrecovered]

in SIDON about the work there he [C% said nothing] [7 groups unrecovered] on
the acquisition of political information about the "COUNTRY"[viii]. UCN/9
does not know whether he will be connected in this work with the Embassy or

[52 groups unrecoverable]

[B% former head of the British]

[78 groups unrecovered]

he considers that 25 persons are being used. [D% CRUCIAN[KARAS']][ix]

[9 groups unrecovered]

sources. If [D% it will be necessary CRUCIAN] [5 groups unrecovered], then

[54 groups unrecovered]

on the street for some reason or other contact does not take place

[27 groups unrecovered]

on the street with her were arranged for 6th and 13th June.

MAKSIM[ix]

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Note: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] UCN/9: Probably Cedric BELFRAGE, who sailed for ENGLAND on 27th May 1943.

[iii] SOUND: Jacob GOLOS.

[iv] The BAR: Probably British Secret Intelligence Service.

[v] STEPHENSON: Sir William STEPHENSON, Director of British Security Co-ordination.

[vi] KHATA: The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[vii] SIDON: LONDON.

[viii] COUNTRY: Clearly the covername for the USA as it is in inverted commas. The earlier reference to the country in the phrase "Military Attaché in the country is returning to SIDON" probably has the same meaning although it was not in inverted commas.

[ix] CRUCIAN: Anton IVANCIC.

[x] MAKSIM: Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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